



## **H.Res. 361 - Recognizing and honoring Jack Valenti and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Res. 361 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Diane Watson (D-CA) on May 1, 2007. The House Committee on the Oversight and Government Reform approved the bill by voice vote on June 12, 2007.

H.R. 1281 is expected to be considered on the floor on June 25, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Res. 361 resolves that House of Representatives:

- Recognizes Jack Valenti as one of the greatest contributors to the motion picture industry;
- Honors Jack Valenti for his service to his country, tremendous accomplishments, and contributions to the industry and to the nation; and
- Extends its deepest condolences to the family of Jack Valenti.

### **Background**

Jack Valenti was born in Houston, Texas on September 5, 1921. He attended the University of Houston and received a graduate degree from Harvard. Among other accomplishments, he flew 51 combat missions in the Army Air Corps during World War II and later became special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson.

In 1966, Valenti became Chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). In that capacity, he was largely responsible for creating the movie rating system in 1968 and later played a large role in a similar system for television.

Mr. Valenti retired in 2004 and passed away on April 26, 2007.

### **Cost**

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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